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In re Application of: Shizuo HATTORI et al.  
Serial No.: 09/781,703 Group Art Unit: 1651  
Filed: February 12, 2001 Examiner: MARX, IRENE  
For: STABLE PQQ-DEPENDENT GLUCOSE DEHYDROGENASE  
COMPOSITION

DECLARATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir :

I, Seiji TAKESHIMA, declare as follows:

1. I, Seiji TAKESHIMA, have following address:  
c/o TOYO BOSEKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA Tsuruga Institute of  
Biotechnology 10-24, Toyo-cho, Tsuruga-shi, Fukui, Japan.
2. I received the degree of technology from FUKUYAMA  
University in March, 1991.
3. I have been employed by TOYO BOSEKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA  
since 1991, I have been engaged in research of enzyme.

I am one of the inventors of the above-identified application, and I am fully familiar with the subject matter thereof.

4. The activities of PQQ-dependent glucose dehydrogenase of the compositions 4-9 of the example 1 and the compositions 2,3 of the example 2 of the present specification are as follows.

	Composition No.	Enzyme activity (kU/g)
Example 1	4	950
	5	934
	6	937
	7	868
	8	950
	9	934
Example 2	2	933
	3	890

Date: December 16, 2002

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